



## **Information Technology Department**

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Greetings everyone,

As many may know, North Dakota has been awarded \$1.1 million under the State and Local Implementation Grant Program (SLIGP) to assist FirstNet's deployment of the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network (NPSBN). Under the guidance of the Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC), ITD is leading the FirstNet planning effort in the state; together, with the support of Televate LLC.

This entire planning effort is focused on the needs of our State, County, Local, and Tribal public safety agencies. Through the course of this project, we hope to learn more about the needs of each individual agency and also provide education and guidance about new capabilities that advanced broadband technologies will bring.

To kick off the project ITD/Televate will be holding a series of outreach events to be held at eight (8) sites throughout North Dakota. The kickoff meetings will be used as an opportunity to provide information on the project's background, scope, impact and goals. Registration for the kick off meeting will be collected via an online survey. In order to register for an event please reply to the survey request that will be sent to you directly.

During the outreach event information will be provided on FirstNet, LTE/4G, public safety broadband services, and the likely impact on existing systems. The agenda for the meeting is included below:

- Introductions: Project Briefing from the ND Team
- Introduction to FirstNet and the Act
- Introduction to LTE and the NPSBN
- Project Mission & Goals
- Project Organization & Key Points of Contact
- Project Scope of Work
- Project Tasks
- Project Plan & Schedule
- Support Required
- Next Steps

We greatly appreciate your participation in this project.

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Mike Ressler, CIO  
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Mike Lynk, Director  
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